

**Governor Baldacci's**  
**Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2007 12:30PM-3:30 PM**  
**Rm 105 Cross Office Building (COB), Augusta, Maine**  
**HANDOUT AGENDA**

Work Groups : 12:30- 1: 50 PM Cross Office Building (COB)

Chemical Policy David Littell/Chair, Deb Rice, Steve Pinette, Mike Belliveau, Sharon Tisher and Information Jim Dill/Kathy Murray/Chair Nick Bennett, Stacie Beyer, Dana Graham meet together in Room 105 COB. Guest: Mike Martin Green Cleaning Products.

Green Chemistry Rm 302 POSTPONED- Brian Dancause/Cathy Renault Chair, Mark Dobrovolny, Sharon Tisher, Mike Belliveau, John Wise  
The chairs may call a meeting before the next full task force meets in June. Email notices with date, time and location will go out if this occurs.

Full Task Force meeting in Rm 105 Cross Office Building

2:00-2:05 PM: Welcome and Introductions

2:05-2:55 PM: Presentation and Q and A

Dr. Tom Green\*, President non-profit IPM Institute of North America, Inc.  
Reducing Risk through IPM: Opportunities and Incentives in the Marketplace and in Public Agencies

2:55-3:10 Subcommittee report

3:10-3:15 Update on early action comments to federal OSHA

3:15-3:20 Info sharing from Task Force members

3:20- 3:30 PM Next meetings (calendar attached)

-Work group and Task Force member recommendations to be submitted to DEP/Ginger by June X.

-DEP will consolidate and recirculate by June X to facilitated review and consideration prior to June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

-Availability for July meeting dates.

**\*Bio Dr. Tom Green:** Thomas Green is president of the IPM Institute of North America, Inc., a non-profit organization he co-founded in 1998. The Institute's mission is to leverage marketplace power to improve health, environment and economics in agriculture and communities. The Institute is a partner with SYSCO, a \$32 billion food distributor, on its Sustainable Agriculture/IPM initiative with its fruit and vegetable suppliers. The Institute operates the IPM STAR program, evaluating and certifying schools nationwide for their pest management practices and impacting more than 2 million children since its inception in 2003.

The Institute is also a collaborator with American Farmland Trust in the BMP CHALLENGE project, guaranteeing farmers that they will not lose income when they adopt conservation practices including nutrient management, conservation tillage and corn rootworm IPM.

In 2004 and 2005, the Institute was named a Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Champion by US EPA. Clients and funders have included US Army, US EPA, USDA, SYSCO Corporation, Whole Foods Market, General Mills and the Universities of Wisconsin, Florida, Cornell and Rutgers.

Dr. Green has been an apple grower, and founder and owner of an IPM supply business that is now part of GEMPLER'S. He is also co-founder and director of Agflex, a company formed to hold reserves for the BMP CHALLENGE guarantee program. He is a Certified Crop Advisor and holds a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Massachusetts.

#### **Task Force to Promote Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products and Services Duties**

The purpose of the Task Force is to identify and promote the use and development of safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals in consumer goods and services made, provided or sold in Maine so as to benefit public health, the environment and the economy for all Maine people. The specific duties of the Task Force are to:

- Survey relevant knowledge and activities related to promoting safer alternatives to priority chemicals in the areas of environmental public health policy development, green chemistry research and development, and economic incentives;
- **Develop recommendations for a more comprehensive chemicals policy that requires safer substitutes to priority chemicals in consumer products and creates incentives to develop safer alternatives, on a state and regional basis;**
- Develop recommendations on expanded consumer education, retailer education and training, supply chain information and public right-to-know in order to promote markets for safer alternatives;
- Develop recommendations for submission to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development of safer alternatives to priority chemicals in consumer products, including investment in green chemistry research and development and the possibility of developing bio-based plastics from Maine-based agricultural and forest products.

#### **Scope**

For purposes of this Executive Order, the term "priority chemicals" includes substances and their breakdown products including PBTs, very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) chemicals, carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins (CMRs), neurotoxins, and endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) that have been demonstrated by biomonitoring studies to be present in human tissues and fluids, that are produced in high volumes or used in ways that may result in high exposures, or that pose generally equivalent concerns as determined by the state's qualified experts or by a body considered to be authoritative by such experts. Priority chemicals include, but are not limited to, toxic substances listed by the DEP in its programs that address toxic releases, air toxics and water toxics. For purposes of this Executive Order, "consumer products" means items or materials sold or distributed for residential or commercial use, but excludes those intended exclusively for industrial use.

#### **Reports**

The Task Force shall submit an interim report to the Governor by November 30, 2006 and a final **report by October 1, 2007**. Each of these reports shall include recommendations, including proposed legislation, for safer chemicals policy development and consumer education and related information as required under Duties b.ii and b.iii in this section. The Task Force shall also submit interim recommendations by November 30, 2006 and final recommendations by October 1, 2007 to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development opportunities as required under Duties b.iv in this section. Upon submission of the final report and the final recommendations, the Task Force shall dissolve.

Task Force Safer Chemicals Planning Agenda		Wed May 16				Wed June 13	Wed July 11 &25	Wed Aug 15 &?29	Wed Sept 12 & 26	Mon October 1
WED MAY 16, 2007 2:00-3:30PM Room 105, CROSS OFFICE BUILDING AUGUSTA		<u>Presentation</u>  IPM Tom Green, President non-profit IPM Council of America				Final report recommendation development begins	Drafting	Final Report	Final Draft	Final report due Oct 1  Task Force ceases
Work Groups:	Possible Work Group Topics: Work Groups will scope out									
CHEMICALS POLICY Rm195 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr. David Littell  Focus: Charge # ii. ;Closing the Safety Gap	Jan 8, 2007  Prioritizing Chemicals; List of carcinogens and PBTs to avoid for EPP	Feb 7, 2007  Chemicals of High Concern  Health & Safety Data Gaps	March 7, 2007  Phase-Outs & Exemptions  Supply Chain Issues  Public Education	April 25, 2007  Chemicals of Concern	May 16, 2007  Substitution Planning  Labeling, warnings and Right-To-Know!	Wed June 13  Implementation Structure/Process  Should work groups be developing recommendations vs considering new info?	Drafting Final Report  Subcommittee recommendations and language	Final draft	Final Report due Oct 1	
INFORMATION Rm 105 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr Jim Dill/Kathy Murray  Focus: Charge # iii. ;Closing Data Gap & EPP	How can we make data useful for Maine	DEP Mark Hyland on IMERC	NIH.NLM/Stephanie Publicker re: Household Products Database and other NIH.NLM chemical info electronic resources	Hazard Communication MSDS info from Sharon T. & Stacie Dave Wacker BLS attends re: MSDS	Mike Martin,Green Cleaning Products	Database management?	Drafting Final Report subcommittee recommendations and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1	
GREEN CHEMISTRY Rm 302 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr Brian Dancause/Kathy Renault Focus: Charge # iv.;Close Tech Gap, & Bio-based R&D	Review relevant bond proposals  May not meet every month	Review draft seed grant report on potato plastics	Review green chemistry R&D needs of university system	Ken Geiser UMO call in re Green Chemistry R& D needs of Univ System	May 16, 2007 POSTPONED  Assess needs and next steps	Assess needs and next steps	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1	